# FRANCE FAVORS RUSSIA. BRITAIN MAY INTERFERE.

apan Complains That France is Committing a Breach of Neutrality.

France Declares She is Doing All She Can to Maintain the Neutrality Laws.

## Rojestvensky May Wait Until Reinforcements Can Reach His Fleet.

pan has made a strong protest to France against the Baltic fleet staying at Kamranh Bay. It is strongly felt here that France is actively assisting the Russians within what is practically the zone of when the date of expiration arrives, either hostilities. The expected advent of the third Russian squadron into the China Sea in about a week strengthens the opinion that the situation is one of exceeding gravity so far as French neutrality is concerned, and that it may force Japan to avail herself of her alliance with Great Britain, which provides in the event of Japan being attacked by any two powers Great Britain is bound to assist her. The elder statesmen and the members of the Cabinet held a conference to-day, which lasted five hours.

### COVERED BY TREATY, But It is Hoped France Will Conform

With Request.

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A London cable: A despatch to the Telegraph from Tokio says that matters have reached the inevitable crisis in reference to the unwarrantable stay of the Baltic fleet at Kamranh Bay. Japan has adopted the only course open to her, and a formal protest has been delivered to France. It is expected that Great Britain will heartily support this action. The incident is regarded as being covered by the Anglo-Japanese alliance, but it is hoped that France will conform to what are considered the elementary principles of neutrality. Otherwise the situation, to which there must be a time limit, will become exceedingly grave. The Japanese fleet is ready to go to Kamranh Bay. The tone of the press continues indigmant.

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The Kokumin declares that if the Japanese protest is ignored, Kamranh Bay must be regarded as a Russian base.

The Jipi Shimpo says that a protest without a ready force supporting it is useless. All the papers praise the Government's insistent attitude. The Baltic fleet has been amply coaled and provisioned at Kamranh Bay. It has been ascertained that the Russians anchored there on April 12. It is stated that strange transperts were seen in the bay even earlier than that date. The crisis suggests that the present centre of interest is Saigon, from which place Kamranh Bay is controlled. A British steamer that has arrived at Nagasaki reports that on April 14 she saw an American squadron proceeding for Saigon and also another squadron, presumably British, bound for Borneo.

## MODIFIED NEUTRALITY.

### France Thinks That Restrictive Conditions Are Justified.

A London cable: There is no offi-cial confirmation of the report that Ja-pan has protested to France against her nan has protested to France against to-violation of neutrality. Many Tokio des-patches refer to the growing indigna-tion of the press and public.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Telegraph represents that Russia sought France's help on behalf of the

Battic fleet. A brisk exchange of views occurred between France and Russia and unofficially, between Russia and Germany, with the result that all three powers aggreed the second to the result of the Baltic fleet. A brisk exchange of view three powers agreed theoretically eiththree powers agreed theoretically enta-er that the restrictive construction hith-erto put on neutrality obligations - by certain powers was excessive and unjust-ified, or that it had become incompatible with latter-day conditions. France credibly asserted, is eager to extend be benevolence to the furthest compatible with immunity from international reprisals, regarding immunity as largely ensured by England's friendship. M. Delensured by England's friendsmp. a. ensured by England's friendsmp. distances, is casse, the French Foreign Minister, is Russia's German friends are extreme ly optimistic. They are confident that England's influence will tranquilize the It is stated that M. De Japanese. It is stated that M. Decase reluctantly intends to request Admiral Rojestvensky to move on.

Japan's Compact With Britain.

The compact effecting the Anglo-Jap se newspapers say it now become ary that Great Britain be notified that her co-operation is required, was signed January 30, 1902. The change made that through violation of neu trality France virtually has come to Russia's aid; hence, under the compact, Eng

land must assist Japan. The treaty, after asserting that the purpose of England and Japan is to maintain the status quo and peace in the East, and mutually recognizing the in-dependence of China and Corea, then de-

If either Great Britain or Japan, 1 the defence of their respective interests, should become involved in war with an other power, the other high contracting party will maintain a strict neutrality and use its efforts to prevent other pow and use its efforts to prevent other pow from joining ia hostilities against

"If, in the above event, any other pow er or powers should join in hostilities against that ally, the other high con-tracting party will come to its assist-ence, and will conduct the war in common, and make peace in mutual agree

The high contracting parties agree that neither of them will, without con-sulting the other, enter into separate arrangements with another power to the prejudice of the interest above described. tioned interests are in juopardy, the two in Cleveland, Ohio.

A Togio cable: It is stated that Ja- | Governments will communicate with one

## MAY WAIT OTHER FLEET.

Japan Does Not Believe Baltic Squadron Will Proceed.

A Tokio cable: Although not report ed directly, it is believed that the Rus-sian second Pacific squadron continues the occupation of Kamranh Bay, or some other port of Annam, where it is expected to remain until joined by the third Rus ian Pacific squadron.

The report that Admiral Rojestven

sky is maintaining a patrol and examining neutral shipping off Kamranh Bay increases the pritation towards France for permitting the use of that port as ease of operations.

## LESS CONFIDENT.

#### Britain No Longer Ridicules the Russian Squadron.

A London cable: The British publ is beginning to realize how much depends on Togo's skilful conduct of the ap-proaching naval contest. Until Vice-Adproaching naval contest. Until Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky actually arrived in the Straits of Malacca there was a disposition to ridicule the efforts of the Russian squadron, but now that there is seen tobe a growing likelihood of Vice-Admiral Niebogatoff joining Rojestvensky before the fateful struggle opens, lukewarm interest is deepening into anxiety.

## TRANSPORTS TAKEN OFF.

Japs Adopt Precautions Against Capture of Their Supplies.

Yinkow cable, via Tien Tsin, Yinkow cable, via This contrast with the 13 — Few transports are now arriving at New-Chwang. This contrast with the rush of traffic since the opening of the Liao River indicates that precautions are being taken against possible interference by the Russian Pacific squadron.

Vast accumulations of stores have already been made along the Japanese lines of communication, assuring full supplies the require in the field even if the

to the armies in the field, even if the transport service is interrupted.

## WHERE WILL THEY FIGHT?

Russia Would Prefer a Battle on the Open Sea.

A St. Petersburg cable: The main question now agitating the naval offi-cials is whether Rojestvensky will elect proceed northward through the Straits of Formesa or bear off into the Pacific through Bashi Channel (south of the Island of Formesa), or Balingtang Channel (north of the Island of Luzon). The conviction is growing stronger that the Japanese heavy division is concentrating close to the shores of Japan, and it is also believed that Admiral Togo will dealso believed that Admiral Togo will de cline to give battle in the open sea. This is what the Admiralty officials hope for, as it sincerely believes Rojestvensky would have more than an even chance f the two squadrons lined up in an open

## THEY DEPEND ON BRITAIN

To Nullify the Effect of Newfoundland's Act.

New York, April 24.—The Tribune publishes the following from Washington: Advices from St. John's, Nfld., seem to indicate that the colonial Legseem to indicate that the following islature, under the leadership of Premier Bond, has, by the enactment of retaliatory legislation, rendered doubly difficult the task of those members of the Senate who have hoped ultimately to secure the ratification of the Hay-Bond treaty after eliminating nmendments as would render it practi

amendments as would relater to practically nugatory.

No opinion regarding the effect of Newfoundland's recent legislation is expressed at the State Department, as it is regarded as certain that the British Colonial Office will exercise its prerogative to nullify any portion of the legislation which may violate the treaty islation which had been the state of 1818. If the St. John's despatches prove accurate it will become imperative that the British Colonial Office se exercise its prorogative, as the treaty of 1818 insured to American fishermer the right to take fish off the shores of certain portions of Newfoundland and moreover, to land on certain shores of Newfoundland to dry and cure fish

## SENT THE WIDOW \$100.

Conscience Money Paid at Chatham After Many Years' Interval.

Chatham, April 24 .- When Judge Ho to, returned to his office after lunch-con this afternoon he found a bulky en-clope addressed to himself lying upon his desk. On opening the envelope the Judge found it to contain one hundred dollars in bills, with the following pen-

"Kindly ferward to Mrs. John Wall.
I cheated him once."
The contents were doubtless consci-

ence money, and arose from some tran action when the late John Wall conduc sulting the other, enter into separate arrangements with another power to the prejudice of the interest above described.

Whenever, in the opinion of either Great Britain or adpant the above-men of explanation. Mrs. Wall is now living



KALEIEFF, THE ASSASSIN OF GRAND DUKE SERGIUS.

# IS DEATH FOR KALEIEFF.

## Grand Duke Sergius' Murderer Receives Sentence.

trial. The prisoner refused to plead, de-claring he was not in the position of a criminal before judges, but was a prison-the eyes of all."

Kaleieff shouted: "Execute your judg-ment as openly as I have acted, before the eyes of all." er taken in a civil war. He was sentenced to death.

The only persons present through the trial were members of the entourage of the late Grand Duke Sergius and coun-

BURNED TO A CINDER.

The Terrible Death of James McBride, a

Wealthy Farmer.

Ottawa, April 24.—Burned almost to a cinder, the body of James McBride, farmer, fifty-three years of age, was found among the ruins of his house, about a mile south of Bell's Corners.

this morning. The discovery was made by Mr. Patrick Hammill, farmer, who lives near the McBride homestead. He

rose about 5.30 o'clock and his atten

tion was attracted to the MeBride home, from which smoke was pouring

in volumes. A ghastly sight met his eyes when he investigated further. On

disturb the body, but at once notified

McBride's, the house, a small frame structure, was on fire at 11 o'clock last

night. Neighbors say that Mr. Mc-Bride had been ailing for some time with

rheumatism, but state that they never heard him complain of being ill. Mr.

MeBride was wealthy. He was mar-ried, but had been separated from his

wife for several years. She is at Nia-

SEVEN EURNED TO DEATH.

Terrible Family Catastrophe at Ste

Anne De La Pocatiere.

Ste. Anne de là Pocatiere, April 24.— A terrible holocaust occurred here dur-ing the night, by which seven children lost their lives, and their mother is in serious danger. The dead children are:

in a serious condition.

Charles Boucher, a prospérous farmer, of the third range, retired to rest last night at his home, where he lived with his wife and eight children. Miss

Marie Levesque, school teacher, boarded with Boucher. About midnight Mr. Bou-

her was awakened by the crying of on

of his children, who seemed to be very much afraid. He rose quickly, and up-

nger than fear, however, and

Mr. Frank Gosslin.

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Moscow. April 24.—The trial of Kaleieff, who killed—Grand Duke Sergius, by the Supreme Court took place to-day.

The public was not admitted to the trial. The prisoner refused to plead, de-Kaleieff and the public was not admitted to the trial. The prisoner refused to plead, de-Kaleieff and the prisoner ref

The date of execution has not been

Hanged Within a Fortnight. St. Petersburg, April 19.—The plea at Moscow of Kaleieff, who was sentenced to death for the assassination of Grand sel, of whom two were assigned to Kaleieff. The prisoner's mother was not admitted but remained in the corrisoner of war and not an ordinary prisoner ordinary prisoner of war and not an ordinary prisoner ordina dors. Senator Deier presided. Senator scheeglovitoff, Procurator-General of the Department of Cassation, was the Senate prosecutor.

When Kaleieff, was arraigned he replied: "I am not a criminal, and you are not my judges. I am your prisoner. We have a civil war. I am a prisoner of war, not a criminal."

Twelve witnesses were examined. urally such a position is not acknowledg

who He

ed it was too late to lend any aid the children.

The eldest daughter, Anna Boucher, who was eighteen years of age, might have secured her own safety, but she succumbed in her efforts to bring her younger brothers and sisters to safety. The father and mother as well as the school teacher, and a two-year/old boy, who had been asleep in the room with his parents, were the only members of the household who escaped the names.

Mrs. Boucher, after losing her hair, had to abandon her efforts to save her children and fell unconscious and most choked with smoke, at the en-trance of the house. She was remov-ed to the residence of her brother-ineyes when he investigated further. On a heap of bricks and mortar lay the body of McBride. Every stitch of cloth-ing had been burned off, and the re-mains were so charred as to be almost unrecognizable. Mr. Hammill did not disturb the body. Alexander Boucher, where she still lying in a precarious condition. he house was entirely destroyed.

## G. T. PACIFIC TERMINAL.

#### According to the story of a little daughter of Mrs. Michael Shea, who Ten Thousand Acres Purchased on Kaien Island. ives about a mile and a quarter from

Victoria, B. C., April 24.-It is learned on the authority of one close to the present Government that an arrangement as already been made which practically settles the question of the Pacific ter-minals of the Grand Trunk Pacific. It has been felt for some time that the terminus would be farther south than Port Simpson, and it is said to have been de-Simpson, and it is said to have been de-finitely selected at Tuck Inlet, on Kaien Island, about twenty-five miles south of the points usually regarded as the ob-jective of the railway. The gentleman mentioned states that the Grand Trunk officials have purchased from the Gov-ernment for \$1 per acre ten thousand acres on Kaien Island as a site for a orres on the north coast. This was placed under reserve about a year ago.

It is an island only at high tide, be-It is an island only at high tide, being separated from the mainland at that period. Only when the tide is out it is a peninsula. The harbor is said to be of the best, and the approaches from the ocean and protection of the harbor as good as can be desired.

serious danger. The dead children are:
Anna Boucher, seventeen years; Napolcon Boucher, ten years; Edmund Boucher, eight years; George Boucher, seven
years; Marguerite Boucher, six years;
Joseph Boucher, four years; Etienne
Boucher, two months. Mine. Boucher is
in a serious condition. Warlike Little Men From Ituri Forest

> London, April 24.—Col, Harrison ansa just arrived at Khartoum, bringing to London six pigmies belonging to the tribe found in the Congo Free State. There are four men and two women, aged between 18 and 34, in height from 44 to 54 inches. Col. Harrison says the pigmies are very unprogress on the out. pigmies are very numerous of skirts of the Ituri forest, but seldom penetrate the interior, except for pur poses of concealment.

much afraid. He rose quickly, and up-on leaving his room found that the house was on fire and that he was cut off-from the portion where the children were sleeping by a wall of fire. He shout-ed to awaken the other members of the The men are of warlike disposition dwelling in small villages, each with an independent chief. None live to be more than 40; some have hair on their His wife awoke, and stricken with ter ror at the sight of the flames rushed from the house. Maternal instinct proved breast and legs, but the majority are free from it; while very little clothing stronger than tear, however, and tried to reach the little ones. Her attempt proved futile and she had her hair singed. Meantime Mr. Boucher, after waking up the other members of the household ran for he'p. When he return- remarkably good figure.

# FORMER HAMILTON WOMAN OUTRAGED AND MURDERED.

Miss Lowry, an Old Lady, Beaten to Death by an Unknown Man.

Broke Into a House at Rodney and Attempted to Assault Another.

## When Miss Lowry Struck Him With a Piece of Wood She Was Outraged and Killed.

A Rodney report: Murder, the third rithin a few weeks in western Ontario, as committed here to-day ,the victim eing Miss Eliza Lawry, a maiden lady, eventy-two years old, who went bout this district doing good. It as while staying at the home of Mrs. tobert Covel, an old woman, whose huswithin a few weeks in western Ontario, was committed here to-day ,the victim being Miss Eliza Lawry, a maiden lady, seventy-two years old, who went about this district doing good. It Robert Covel, an old woman, whose husband was away with a section gang near Fargo, twenty-five miles from here, that she met a terrible death. Miss Lowry was brutally beaten in the house, dragged outside to a shed, where she was ssaulted and left to die. Mrs. Covel, who is practically a cripple from rheumatism, was attacked first, and defended tism, was attacked first, and defended herself until she was practically left helpless on her bed. Miss Lowry came to her assistance, which caused the fiend to turn his attention to Mrs. Covel's companion for the night. There is no clue to the murderer, who seems to have left very little trace behind. Great excitement has been occasioned in the village by the news of the crime, and strangers are looked upon more or less strangers are looked upon more or less with suspicion. There have been no ar-rests, and it is not likely that there will be any, pending the arrival of a Provincial detective to morrow.

Motive for the Crime. The motive for the crime, it would The motive for the crime, it would seem, was assault, although the murderer on his entrance to the place demanded money. In enforcing his demand the man let drop a remark that leads the authorities to believe that the murderer was someone who knew the Covel family affairs. Robert Covel the bushand ily affairs. Robert Covel, the husband of Mrs. Covel, is a section hand on the Michigan Central, and usually goes away on Sunday evenings and returns on Saturdays. Their home, a small cottage, is about three-quarters of a mile north of Rodney village, and is surrounded by farm houses. There is about an acre of Robert Covel, the husband farm houses. There is about an acre of land around the place. Miss Lowry, who is a worker in the Presbyterian Church, at times left her brother's home to keep Mrs. Covel company. Last night the two women were alone in the house and required congrete rooms. occupied separate rooms.

## Mrs .Covel's Story.

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"I want to come in," said a voice.

"You can't," replied Mrs. Covel.

"I will," sternly replied the voice outside, and at the same time the visitor
put his shoulder to the door, forcing it
in. All was darkness, and in the very
dim light Mrs. Covel saw a heavy stick
raised over her head as the intruder exclaimed, "Money or your life."

Fearful that the man would carry out
his threat, Mrs. Covel cried out: "Spare

his threat, Mrs. Cov our lives; you can have all the money we have," at the same time handing the we have," at the same time handing the man a purse containing about \$1.25.

That the man knew to whom he was talking was made clear from the fact that he followed up his demand by another threat. 'Come now," said he, "I know you have the money you got from your former husband, Mr. Baker," After the weapen explained that her husband. the woman explained that her husband took it with him the man declared that he meant business. The man and ne meant business. The man and woman wera right in the midst of a death struggle when Miss Lowry, who was in the room to the north, was awakened and went to Mrs. Covel's assistance.

Turned on Miss Lowry. Seizing a heavy piece of firewood, Miss Lowry used it with effect on the murderer's head. Leaving Mrs. Covel, he turned his attention to Miss Lowry, and seizing her about the waist he dragged her outife. The woman uttered a few cries oustide. The woman uttered a few cries after which all was quiet. Mrs. Covel remembered getting out of bed and dragging herself to the door, which she locked. Presently, or about half an hour after the first attack, the murderer returned, and had it not been for a cat rattling at a handle of the door he no doubt would have killed her, too. Finding the door locked the man went to another door on the north side and easily gained an entrance by putting his snoul-der against it. All this time Mrs. Covel was hiding between the inside of the ed and the wall, and the murderer fail-

#### ed to find her. Means of Identification.

It was while he was searching CONGO PIGMIES FOR LONDON.

Warlike Little Men From Ituri Forest
Guests of Colonel Harrison.

London, April 24.—Col, Harrison has such as the dim light Mrs. Covel was tarrived at Khartoum, bringing to years of age, and wore a dark overcoat years of age, and wore a dark overcon and fedora hat. Just as the murderer fixed his eyes on Mrs. Covel the door latch rattled, and for an instant breath-less silence prevailed. Under his breath the murderer excitedly asked, "Who is

"That is Covel; thank God, he ba-"That is Covel; thank God, he has come at last," were the words which caused the man to leave the house hurriedly by the other door. Partly recovering, Mrs. Covel had dragged herself and half walked to the door, the latch of which rattled, and on opening it her pet cat walked in and lay down beside the fire. Once or twice Mrs. Covel remembers onening the door and calling members opening the door and calling "Eliza," but got no response, after which she fainted or fell asleep.

Miss Lowry's Body. It was not till nearly 9 o'clock this monially inclined.

News of the murder quickly spread, and this afternoon's train brought Crown Attorney McCrimmon, County Magistrate Hunt and County Constable

Hopkins from St. Thomas.

Coronor Dorland, of Rodney, opened the inquest this afternoon, and after the jury had viewed the remains the evidence of Mrs. Covel and Dr. Patesrson was taken.

#### The Only Clue.

The placing on the witness stand of John Wills, a farmer who lives about three miles northeast of the scene of the murder, was a surprise to the crowded court room. It was thought that the witness knew something that might prove startling. Wills was in Rodney last night, and left for home about 11 o'clock. While taking a short cut, when about three-quarters of a mile from the scene of the murder he claims to have scene of the murder, he claims to have heard repeated sounds which he believ-ed to be the barking of a dog. Neigh-bors only thirty rods away heard noth-

The inquest will be resumed at 2.30 to-morrow, when the report of the autopsy to be performed in the morning will be submitted. The weapon the murderer used was cut from a cherry tree on the old Lamont Hotel property, probably with a blunt jack-knife. It is about three feet long and one and a half imples three feet long and one and a half inches thick. It is almost certain that the man wore heavy boots, as there are nail marks on the walls or the shed close to the place where the body lay. The Crown officers to night seems to be at sea. Any traces the murderer left about the house are now obliterated. The arrival of a Provincial detective to-morrow followed by development

## Murderer Not a Tramp.

The tramp theory advanced at first has been exploded by Mrs. Covel, who makes the important assertion that the murderer knew her family affairs. Res-Mrs Covel's Story.

The terrible events of the night are probably best told by Mrs. Covel, who this afternoon, although in a weak condition from fright and illness, went into the witness stand at the Coroner's inquest. Mrs. Covel says they retired about 8.30 o'clock, and a little afterwards she heard Miss Lowry putting some wood in the stove. There was nothing unusual, however, until about midnight, when Mrs. Covel heard someone at the door. could be found blood would be found on his clothing. Traces of her terrible strug-gle with the murderer Mrs. Coyel carries in a dislocated knee and seven bruises on the hand. Her husband reached home to-night, and is prostrated by the terri-ble death met by Miss Lowry.

## The Victim.

The murdered woman was the sister of the late David Lowry, a former elder of Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas. She was a native of Ireland, and had been a resident of Rodney for 40 years. Prior to coming here she lived in Hamilton and Toronto. One sister, Mrs. Ashly, died in the Queen City some time ago. ther father was the late John Lowry, colporteur for many years in connection with the Presbyterian Church, travelling through the new districts of Ontario, She was highly respected in Rodney. Mrs. Covel was formerly Mrs. Anderson Ea-ker, of Rodney, and was known to be in mfortable circumstances, having been left fairly well off by her first hus-band. Her husband, Robert Cove), is an industrious man, and is engaged reguarly on bridge construction for the Mich-Central Railway. Their cottage is. n the section known as Old Rodney.

## TAILER TOO MUCH FOR THEM.

Foiled Desperate Attempt at Tailbreaking in Spain.

Madrid, April 24.—Five notorious criminals, who are confined in the prison at Corunna, made a desperate attempt to escape to-day. They cut the bars from one of the windows and used the broken pieces to break their shackles with.
When the jailer went to call them they seized, gagged and bound him. While one of the prisoners watched him the others went to force an outer door.

The jailer, who is a man of herendean strength, broke his bonds and killed the

oan who had been set to watch him. He alled for help and other keepers ran to his assistance. A desperate fight occur-red between the keepers and the prisners who were seeking their liberty. Itimately the latter were overpowered

## A MATRIMONIAL SCHEME:

Assiniboia Man After Fifty English Girls for the West.

Montreal, April 24.—Benpamin Pipe, of Wapella. Assiniboia, is on the way to nelard with a strong argument to induce fifty neathly, experienced, good-looking girls to accompany him back to the prairies. The girls will begin as ser-vants at about fifteen dollars a month, but it will be understood that the fault will lie in them if they do not soon thereafter become mistresses of fifty households. Wives, not servants, are what, in Mr. Pipe's opinion, the west needs; wives to make homes and bind the young men to the soil. It will be made clear to the girls that the west offers every opportunity for the matri-